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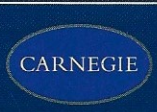

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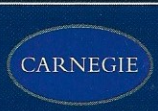

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Next home game - North Sydney Oval, Friday 8th December v Marconi Stallions.

robbie slater column

It's great to be back at North Sydney Oval after three matches away.

The last time we played at North Sydney Oval we showed our fans the type of football we are trying to play this year.

We now have two genuine goalscorers up front and we are playing a system to make sure we get the ball to them through the midfield with Chi Chi Mendez giving us options through the middle as well as down the flanks.

We banged home four goals in thumping the Football Kingz 4-2 and we are hoping for a repeat performance against Perth Glory tonight.

One player looking for a big game tonight is Hendo, who is playing his 50th National Soccer League match for Northern Spirit after making his debut in our very first match against Sydney Olympic a little over two years ago.

Hendo came from nowhere to win that position and he has fought a tough battle, every week, with John Perosh to become a regular member of the first grade side.

As far as goalkeepers are concerned we are lucky in that we have two first class 'keepers.

Hendo and John Perosh are both great goalkeepers and they push each other

constantly at training under the watchful eye of our goalkeeper coach Steve Watson.

They are so close that each week Watson has to have a good look at the performance from the previous match and monitor their training before naming the 'keeper.

At the moment Hendo is between the sticks and doing a great job but Perosh is waiting in the wings and is ready to jump into the side like he has before.

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Last year we drew 1-1 and in the first season we won 1-0.

WIN!!

TONIGHT -

A trip for two flying with the team to watch Northern Spirit take on Carlton in their Round 8 clash on Sunday, 3rd December at Bob Jane Stadium.

All you have to do is fill in the *coupon below and place your entry in one of the entry boxes inside the gates before kick off tonight.
The competition will be drawn at half-time during tonight's match against Perth Glory at North Sydney Oval.

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profile paul henderson

All being well popular goalkeeper Paul Henderson will tonight play his 50th NSL game for the Northern Spirit - a remarkable achievement for someone who only really started playing in that position at Under 17 level!

Although Henderson admits he occasionally played as a goalkeeper, it was only when he went

there was no long-term plan to become involved at NSL level, the goalkeeper just happy to be playing week in-week out with the Sharks.

While Henderson may not have thought of himself playing at that level, a few important people did - which is why among the small crowd watching the NSW Super League game between

only got Henderson out of the first batch of players, but also Matthew Langdon and Daniel Watkins, with only one player, James Stubbs-Mills, no longer with the club.

Henderson was regarded as the third-choice goalkeeper before a ball had been kicked, with John Perosh and Peter Blazincic expected to fight it out for the

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But it was Henderson who got the nod for the historic first-night at North Sydney Oval against Sydney Olympic after being told in the middle of the week he would be starting.
("I remember we lost, and the crowd were very noisy!" says Henderson).

'Hendo', who is 25 next April, has been pretty much first choice ever since, being ever present not only in Spirit's first-season but also in his last year at Sutherland too. Indeed, the few times he has found himself on the outer he has always fought back.

"It's difficult as a goalkeeper because obviously you've only one spot to aim for, whereas an outfield player can be shuffled around the team so there are always places there," said Henderson.

"I was very disappointed not to start this season to be honest, but then I think now that my pre-season wasn't up to scratch and my confidence was down."

Henderson nominates his best game as any that the team win and keeps a clean sheet, and while he nominates Australia's Manchester United goalkeeper Mark Bosnich as somone he admires, he doesn't yet have a burning ambition to try his luck overseas.

"I guess I haven't looked that far forward - I think my aims at the moment are simply to finish the whole season with Northern Spirit and to keep as many clean sheets as I can."

And as for his 50th game against Perth? "Is it?" he laughs. "I didn't know!"

fan's view

with Rebecca Carey

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For those without internet access ring the Northern Spirit Supporters Committee information line on (02) 8250 4004.

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Northern Spirit fans enjoying themselves before, during AND after our game in Perth last season.

match report

with Dave Mason

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2000

Adelaide City Force	3	(L Brain 6, S Tunbridge 51, I Karlovic 65)
Northern Spirit	2	(Catanzaro 39, Burgess 42)

Hindmarsh Stadium

For 70 minutes against Adelaide City Force last Friday night Northern Spirit looked like genuine NSL title contenders, playing the best football in the club's two and a half year history.

Unfortunately the two periods when Northern Spirit dropped its guard saw Adelaide City Force score three goals and Spirit went down 3-2.

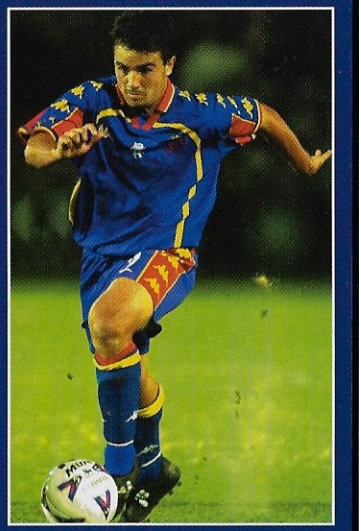
The start of the match saw Adelaide come out breathing fire and it was no surprise when they took the lead in the 5th minute.

For the next 40 minutes Northern Spirit played like world-beaters, with Coach Graham Arnold describing it as "the best football we have played in the two and a half years since the club was formed".

He was right. Simon Catanzaro was creative in the middle of the park, the midfield was completely dominant and you would have thought it was a Spirit home game as they peppered the Adelaide defence.

Adelaide goalkeeper Adrian Cagali was named Man of the Match and during that 40 minute spell he pulled off five world class saves, denying Ben Burgess twice, Catanzaro twice and Matthew Bingley.

He could do nothing when Catanzaro scored from a free kick in the 39th minute and when Burgess was on target for his 4th goal of the season from a Matthew Langdon cross in the 42nd minute the match looked safe.



After the break Adelaide once again started well and within 15 minutes had scored an equaliser and then what was to be the winner.

The last 30 minutes was more like watching a team under siege as Northern Spirit plundered the Adelaide goal only to see Cagali block everything.

"We were extremely disappointed not to come away from Adelaide with three points," Arnold said. "I still can't believe we didn't win that game. We looked like world-beaters but slipped up for small periods and Adelaide took advantage of that.

"Ben scored again and we are doing very well going forward. All we have to is get our defence in order and we will not drop points like that. It was the same against Sydney United in the first round."

NORTHERN SPIRIT: Henderson, Arnold (Foster) Bingley, Cunico, Langdon, Enes, Thomas, Cranney, Catanzaro (Bilokapic) Burgess, Moreira (Perinich)

Yellow cards: Cunico, Thomas, Catanzaro

Troy Cranney

spirit round-up

R6 results

17/11/00	Adelaide City	3 - 2	NORTHERN SPIRIT
17/11/00	Newcastle Utd	2 - 1	Canberra Cosmos
18/11/00	Perth Glory	5 - 1	Kingz FC
18/11/00	Marconi	2 - 3	Sydney Olympic
19/11/00	Parramatta	0 - 2	Wollongong
19/11/00	Carlton	3 - 1	Eastern Pride
19/11/00	Sth Melbourne	3 - 0	Brisbane
19/11/00	Melb Knights	4 - 0	Sydney United

NEXT HOME GAME
Friday 8th Dec
v Marconi Stallions
North Sydney Oval

R7 draw

24/11/00	Adelaide City Force vs Newcastle United	8.00pm	Hindmarsh Stadium
24/11/00	Kingz FC vs Carlton	7.30pm	Ericsson Stadium
24/11/00	NORTHERN SPIRIT vs Perth Glory	7.30pm	North Sydney Oval
24/11/00	Wollongong Wolves vs Canberra Cosmos	7.30pm	WIN Stadium
24/11/00	Eastern Pride vs Marconi Stallions	7.00pm	Mobil Park
26/11/00	South Melbourne vs Parramatta Power	5.00pm	Bob Jane Stadium
26/11/00	Sydney Olympic vs Melbourne Knights	6.30pm	Belmore Sports Ground
26/11/00	Sydney United vs Brisbane Strikers	4.00pm	Sydney United Sports Centre

2000/01 Competition ladder

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS	POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	PTS
1	Sydney Olympic	6	4	2	0	12	3	14	9	NORTHERN SPIRIT	6	2	2	2	9	7	8
2	Wollongong Wolves	6	4	2	0	10	5	13	10	Marconi Stallions	6	2	2	2	8	7	8
3	South Melbourne	6	3	2	1	12	5	11	11	Canberra Cosmos	6	2	1	3	10	9	7
4	Perth Glory	6	3	2	1	12	7	11	12	Parramatta Power	6	2	0	4	8	10	6
5	Carlton SC	6	3	2	1	12	8	11	13	Football Kingz	6	2	0	4	10	15	6
6	Sydney United	6	3	1	2	8	12	10	14	Newcastle United	6	1	2	3	4	11	5
7	Melbourne Knights	6	3	0	3	10	11	9	15	Brisbane Strikers	6	1	1	4	7	12	4
8	Adelaide City Force	6	3	0	3	9	13	9	16	Eastern Pride	6	0	1	5	8	15	1

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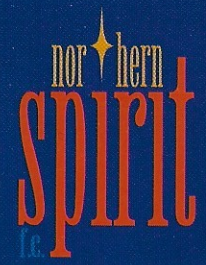

QUICK QUIZ !!!

See how you go with these six of the best quick questions -

1. True or False - Perth Glory signed midfielder PJ Roberts from Carlton?
2. Which player made his debut for Northern Spirit last Friday against Adelaide?
3. And which club was that player with before joining the Spirit?
4. How many yellow cards did Chi Chi Mendez pick up in the first five games of the season?
5. Which country did Bernd Stange coach between 1983-88?
6. True or False - Perth Glory captain Gareth Naven had a spell with Sarawak in Malaysia?

Numbers quiz

See if you can add these figures together and come up with the correct answer!

1. Number of goals Ben Burgess has scored so far this season? ☐
+
2. Year in which the Socceroos qualified for the World Cup? ☐
+
3. Number of minutes Damien Mori took to hit his hat-trick last week? ☐
+
4. Age of John Perosh on the 29th November this year? ☐

= ☐

Answers: 1 False - it was Canberra 2 Craig Foster 3 Crystal Palace 4 Four 5 East Germany 6 True

4 + 197 + 8 + 27 = 2013

WORD SEARCH

Included in this jumble of letters are the surnames of the seven NSL coaches listed below. The names can appear in any line - vertically, horizontally or diagonally, and can be backwards or forwards! When you've got all seven NSL coaches names, look for a coach who had great success last week...

NSL coaches:

Arnold
Sterrey
Rufer
Stange
Culina
Hunter
Corry

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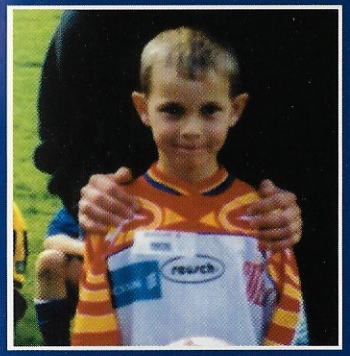
Meet the Mascot



Name: Zac Koopman
Age: 7
From: Church Point
Favourite Player: Chi Chi Mendez

Answer: Australian national team boss Frank FARINA

northern spirit latest news...

Northern Spirit will play a friendly game against NSW Premier League team Leichhardt Tigers, which could see the Spirit come up against former apprentice James Stubbs-Mills.

Details of thr match are below:
Tuesday, 28th November, 7.15pm kick-off
Leichhardt Tigers at Lambert Park, Leichhart.

Socceroo and Rangers defender Craig Moore is in Australia at the moment receiving treatment on a knee injury that has seen him sidelined throughout the current Scotish Premier League season.

Moore will make an appearance tonight at North Sydney Oval to watch the Spirit, who have become involved with his club side, Rangers FC.

Two of our first team players have been loaned to the Eastern Pride for one month.

Adam Griffiths and Daniel Watkins have not yet found a regular place in the Spirit starting team, and should gain some valuable experience at the Eastern Pride.

Watkins scored on his debut, a 3-2 loss at home to our visitors tonight Perth, and neither player could help the Eastern Pride last week either, as the team went down 3-1 at Carlton.

The players are due to take part in two more games - against Marconi and Melbourne Knights, before returning to us.

Adam Griffiths

Daniel Watkins

National Youth Coach ANGE POSTECOGLOU has named a squad of 20 players, including four Northern youngsters, in preparation for the Under-17 World Youth Championship Qualifiers, to be held in Samoa, next month.

The LG Joeys Squad will participate in a training camp at the AIS in Canberra from November 19, before heading to Samoa on November 27.

Spirit's four representatives are:

Jacob Rex, Matthew Hunter, Alex Wilkinson and Matthew Engele.

Australia is in Group 1, with matches due to be played on December 2, 4, 6, 8 & 11 and Australia's group consists of: Australia, Solomon Islands, Samoa, New Caledonia, Papua New Guinea and American Samoa.

Spirit Matchday wishes all four of the players the very best with the Joeys.

Damian Mori, who visits North Sydney Oval tonight with Perth Glory, and South Melbourne's Andy Vlahos moved to within one goal of leading goalscorer Archie Thompson after scoring impressive hat-tricks on the weekend.

Mori, who in Round 5 scored his 150th NSL goal, grabbed a first half hat-trick while Vlahos, who had not scored since the opening night of the season, grabbed all three goals for South, in their emphatic 3-0 win over Brisbane Strikers.

Thompson scored his sixth of the season, with the third goal in Carlton's 3-1 win over Eastern Pride.

Ben Burgess sits on four goals for the season after his effort in Adelaide last Friday night.

Archie THOMPSON Carlton 6

Damian MORI Perth Glory 5

Andy VLAHOS South Melbourne 5

Ben BURGESS NORTHERN SPIRIT 4

Tim STEVENS Kingz FC 4

Craig Foster finally made his debut for the club last week in Adelaide, after a frustrating wait for all concerned. Foster came on after 60 minutes, replacing the injured Graham Arnold, and hopefully we will see 'Fozzie' making his home debut for us tonight.

Big defender Mark Rudan continues to try his luck overseas - after a trial with Sturm Graz in Austria Rudan is now trying to impress in Croatia.

Congratulations too for Simon Catanzaro, who scored his first goal in the NSL last Friday night at Adelaide. Catanzaro's strike in the 39th minute from a free kick capped an impressive performance, and the goal will go with the five he has already scored for the Youth League team this season.

player profile

Spirit Matchday asks new signing, midfielder Noel Spencer, what he likes outside of football.

Noel Spencer

Nickname:	Spence
Height:	185cm
Weight:	82kg
Date of Birth:	26.7.77
Place of Birth:	Wollongong
Signed from:	Wollongong
Previous Clubs:	Wollongong
Position:	Midfield
Squad Number:	14

Favourite meal:	Steak and veggies
Favourite drink:	Coke
Favourite band:	Anything really - usually radio stuff like MMM
Loudest teammate:	It can only be Robbie Slater
Worst dresser at club:	Tony Perinich
Who will win this year's comp (excluding Northern Spirit:	Perth Glory
Favourite player in your position:	Roy Keane
Favourite player in the world:	Ronaldo
Most like to meet (dead or alive):	Sir Alex Ferguson

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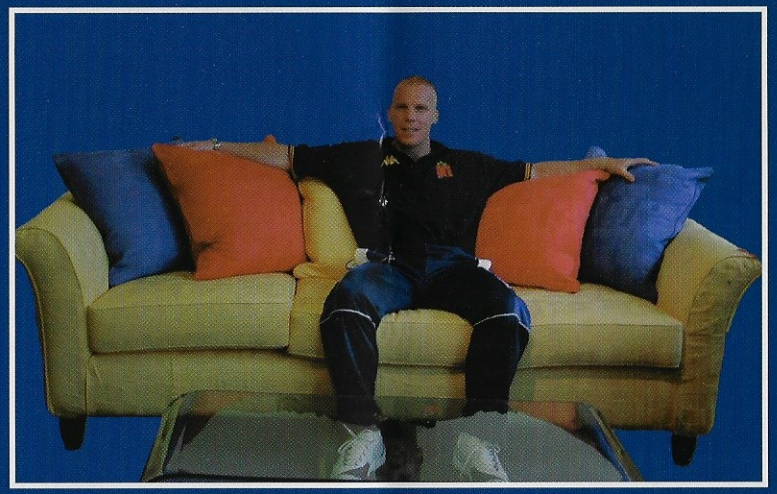

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national youth league

Since the last issue of Spirit Matchday the Northern Spirit Youth team has played twice. The first game, two weeks ago, saw us defeat the Newcastle United Youth team 2-0 at Cromer Park. The victory, courtesy of goals in the 20th minute through striker Ryan Griffiths and a 75th minute effort from Peter Antar, saw Spirit remain at the top of the table with five wins from as many games. Playing away at the A.I.S, a team who had only lost once this season, was always going to be the biggest test yet for Ian Crook's team and unfortunately they came away empty-handed for the first time this season. In an even game it was only a 63rd minute A.I.S. goal that separated the teams, but despite the defeat we are still in second place, three points behind the A.I.S side that defeated us.

Youth Team results so far:

R1	Sydney United	2	NORTHERN SPIRIT	3
R2	NORTHERN SPIRIT	3	Sydney Olympic	2
R3	Newcastle United Colts	0	NORTHERN SPIRIT	6
R4	NORTHERN SPIRIT	2	N.S.W.I.S	0
R5	NORTHERN SPIRIT	2	Newcastle United Youth	0
R6	A.I.S	1	NORTHERN SPIRIT	0

Forthcoming games:

R7	Saturday 25th November	4:00pm	ACT Academy - AIS Soccer Field
R8	BYE		
R9	Saturday 9th December	4:00pm	Home Marconi Stallions Youth - Christie Park

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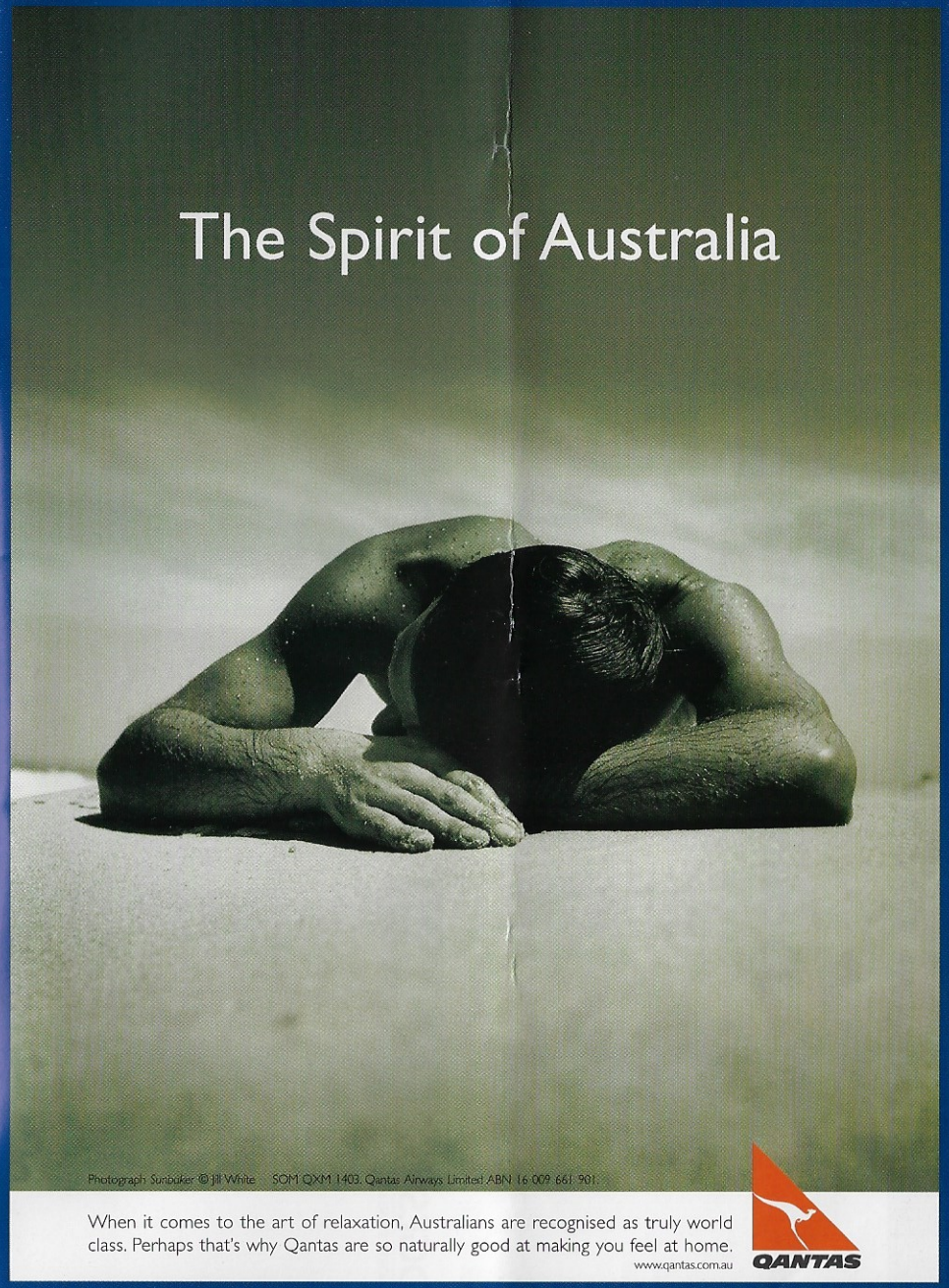
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Northern Spirit	6	5	0	0	1	16	5	15	Newcastle United	5	1	1	0	3	3	4	4
Wollongong Wolves	4	3	1	1	0	11	2	10	Canberra Cosmos	5	1	1	1	3	9	11	4
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Sydney United	5	3	0	1	2	10	6	10	ACT Academy	6	1	0	0	5	3	20	3
Parramatta Power	5	3	1	0	1	9	5	10	S. Olympic Acdy	6	0	1	0	5	5	14	1
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N.S.W.I.S.	5	2	1	0	2	5	5	7									
Q.A.S.	7	2	0	0	5	14	23	6